1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 8 AT SEATTLE 9 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE CASE NO. C17-0405JLR 10 COMMISSION, **ORDER** 11 Plaintiff, 12 v. 13 ANDY SHIN FONG CHEN, et al., 14 Defendants. 15 Before the court is the parties' April 16, 2019, joint status report ("JSR"). (JSR 16 (Dkt. #89).) On March 11, 2019, the court scheduled an evidentiary hearing in this 17 matter to resolve factual disputes related to the appropriate remedies to award Plaintiff 18 Securities and Exchange Commission ("the SEC") on its claims under Rule 10b-5(b) and 19 Section 17(a)(2) of the Securities Act. (See 3/11/20 Order (Dkt. #85) at 3-5.) Due to the 20 emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the court continued the evidentiary 21 22

hearing at the parties' request and ordered the parties to file a JSR updating the court on any developments in the case. (*See* 3/16/20 Order (Dkt. # 87) at 1.)

The JSR explains that the parties are actively engaged in discussions and information sharing regarding a potential resolution of the underlying remedies dispute. (See JSR at 1-2.) The JSR also indicates that the parties need additional time to continue to investigate the feasibility of this resolution. (See id.) Accordingly, the parties request that the court permit the parties to file a joint status report on or before Monday, June 15, 2020, so that the parties can continue working on this issue. (See id. at 2.)

The court APPROVES the parties' proposal and GRANTS the relief requested in parties' JSR (Dkt. # 89). The court ORDERS the parties to file a joint status report updating the court on the status of this matter on or before Monday, June 15, 2020. Moreover, due to the parties' representations that they are conducting further discovery on remedies and exploring alternative resolutions (*see* JSR at 1-2), the court STRIKES the SEC's pending motion for summary judgment (Dkt. # 74) without prejudice to refiling the motion in the event the parties are unable to resolve the underlying issues. The court DIRECTS the Clerk to remove SEC's motion for summary judgment (Dkt. # 74) from the docket.

Dated this 17th day of April, 2020.

JAMES L. ROBART

United States District Judge

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